

STATE BOARD OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH

Minutes of February 13, 2007
Department of Human Services
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attended:

Board Member:

Dr. Michael Crookston, Chair
Paula Bell, Vice-Chair
Darryl Wagner

Joleen Meredith
Nora B Stephens
Dr. James Ashworth

Excused:

Lou Callister

Staff:

Mark Payne
Ron Stromberg
Dallas Earnshaw

Susannah Burt
Tracy Luoma
Jan Fryer

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
Welcome & Introductions	Dr. Crookston opened the meeting, welcomed those in attendance, and introductions were made. Dr. Crookston gave a special introduction to Lynette Willie, the Division's new Public Information Officer, and welcomed her to the Board meeting. Lynette provided the Board with her background information.	
Approval of Nov.14, 2006 Meeting Minutes		Nora B moved that the January 9 th meeting minutes be approved as written. Motion seconded by Paula and approved unanimously.
Update on 2007 Legislature	<p>The priority list for the Health and Human Services Appropriation Subcommittee was sent to the Board for review prior to the meeting. Tracy reviewed and discussed the funding requests pertaining to substance abuse and mental health for both ongoing funding and one-time funding. The Board discussed the funding requests and how they could be of support. The next steps in the budget process were also reviewed and discussed.</p> <p>Mark reviewed the status of legislation pertaining to substance abuse and mental health and other bills of interest. Specific attention was paid to HB391, State Hospital Amendments (privatization). Mark reviewed the contents of this bill and what it would accomplish if the bill passes. He also updated the Board with information on the activities that have occurred to this point and the current status of the bill.</p> <p>Ron updated the Board on the status of HB252, Utah Suicide Prevention Act, which creates a Legislative Task Force to study the issues and determine if Utah should have a Suicide Prevention Plan. The work of the Suicide Council that has been in place the past year was discussed. Mark updated the Board on SB193, Amendments to Mental Health Professional Practice Act, which changes the licensure of a substance abuse counselor. A fact sheet was distributed and reviewed, outlining what the bill entails.</p>	<p>Nora B moved that the Board send a letter to legislators and the Governor expressing their support for funding priorities #9, Substance Abuse Treatment for Women and Children; #12, Drug Court Expansion; and #17, Mental Health Services. Motion seconded by Darryl and approved unanimously. Further discussion occurred and the Board also agreed to include in the letter, their support for priorities #23, Local and Private Provider COLAs and Operating Expense, and #26, DORA.</p> <p>Nora moved that the Board also send a letter to legislators and the Governor in opposition of HB391, and that Board members also contact legislators in their respective areas to express their opposition to the bill. Motion seconded by Dr. Ashworth and approved unanimously. Any talking points and positions papers that have been developed on the issues will be sent to the Board.</p> <p>Ron indicated that he would provide the Board with a copy of the Council's Suicide Plan when completed. Mark further suggested that the Suicide Council be invited to present their Plan to the Board at a future meeting.</p> <p>A final legislative report will be provided at the March 13th Board meeting.</p>

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Allocation for IMD and Adult Outplacement Program	Tracy provided information on the IMD (Institute for Mental Disease) and the Adult Outplacement Programs. She reported that these programs are client based and that in the past, money for these programs has not been allocated through the funding formula. However, discussions have occurred about the appropriate way to allocate this funding to assure that it is expended on those clients that need the funding and the service it provides. She reported that after many conversations with the mental health center directors, center finance directors and the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, it has been decided that the funding will be allocated through formula. Tracy explained that for the remaining of the current fiscal year, the money has put out on formula; however, the local authorities will not be required to meet the 20% match because the decision was made in the middle of a budget year. However, beginning July 1, 2007 (FY08), the money will be distributed through the funding formula, and counties will be required to provide the 20% match.	FYI.
Monitoring Process	Tracy updated the Board on the Division's monitoring process, reporting that FY07 monitoring visits have been completed for six centers, and that positive feedback from the centers has been received relative to the changes made the past year. Tracy also reported on the area plan process and indicated that there have not been significant changes made from last year's requirements. Therefore, it has been determined that the annual contract/area plan training held in March in past years will not be necessary this year. Letters will be sent to the local authorities outlining the requirements and notifying them of the due date for submission of area plans. The Division will also have time on UBHN's annual retreat agenda in March to discuss any issues relative to monitoring and area plans.	FYI.
Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)	Susannah Burt updated the Board on the work of SEOW (Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup). She reported that in December, the workgroup produced a draft of an epidemiological profile for the State of Utah, which was sent to CSAP (Center for Substance Abuse Prevention) for their feedback. At the new grantee meetings, feedback was received that Utah had one of the best epidemiological draft profiles that had been done and that Utah was ahead of the game. Susannah indicated that the draft is currently being revised, and a final copy will be available about mid-March. She reported on the data areas that were reviewed and indicated that the workgroup will look at this data to determine the statewide priorities that they will focus on.	A copy of Utah's Epidemiological Profile will be provided to the Board when finalized.
State Hospital Report	Dallas reported for the Utah State Hospital (USH) and provided an update relative to staffing issues. He indicated that staffing numbers are about the same as reported last month, and a request has been submitted to the Department to address the issues. Dallas also reported on the Recovery Skills Center Treatment Mall at the USH, which is an intensive care treatment program for 16 of the Hospital's most difficult to manage patients. A variety of classes are offered and the program has turned out to be very successful, and patients are doing extremely well on the unit. An open house for the Treatment Mall is scheduled for March 8, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the Hospital's Rampton Building.	FYI.

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UBHN	Jack Tanner was at the Legislature and was unable to attend.	FYI.
Other Business	<p>Ron updated the Board on the Trolley Square shootings, reporting that the Division initiated the crisis counseling emergency operation plan following the shootings. Assistance was offered to the Salt Lake County mental health provider. The local mental health system was able to handle the requests for crisis counseling, but ask for help from the Division public information officer in preparing a news release to inform the public that counseling services were available to anyone needing help.</p> <p>Mark mentioned the spring mental health conference and reminded the Board that this year's conference is combining with the Generation's Conference. He noted that this will increase attendance and provide an opportunity for the public and private sectors to collaborate. A conference brochure was distributed to the Board.</p> <p>Mark updated the Board on the status of incorporating UBHN (Utah Behavioral Healthcare Network) with UAC (Utah Association of Counties). Mark indicated that negotiations continue, and there are numerous issues and questions yet to be resolved.</p> <p>Joleen announced that Paula Bell was given the Community Service Volunteer Award in St. George and was honored at a recent banquet. The Board acknowledged Paula for all of her work and efforts in the community.</p> <p>The March Board meeting to be held in Brigham City was discussed. It was verified that Bear River Mental Health and Bear River Substance Abuse will provide presentations at the meeting.</p>	<p>Board members should let Jan know if they are interested in attending.</p> <p>Jan noted that she has revised the 2007 Board meeting schedule and will e-mail it to Board members.</p>
Adjournment	Dr. Ashworth moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Joleen and approved unanimously.	